PROTECTION

64. In 1,256 cases autopsy was conducted.

Post Mortem Examination

65. One hundred and twenty warrants were pending execution at the close of the year.

Warrants.

66. In 162 cases, the Parents of juveniles were warned.

Juvenile Smoking.

Criminal Tribes.

67. There were 850 members of the Criminal Tribes on the roll at the close of the year.

Finger print Bureau.

68. There were 47,198 Finger Print slips on record in the Bureau at the commencement of the year. Finger print slips of 3,318 convicted persons were received for record during the year. The number of slips eliminated from the records of the Bureau was 1,158.

Motor Vehicles Act.

69. The following figures indicate the number of vehicles registered, the number of vehicles plying for hire and the accidents caused during the year.—

	1949-50 (*9 months*)	*1950-51*
1. Number of vehicles registered ...	2,070	2,383
2. Number of buses plying for hire ...	683	1,520
3. Number of accidents caused by Motor Vehicles ...	250	219
4. Number of Accidents with loss of life ...	43	70

Home Guards.

70. The Home Guards organisation was functioning in 82 centres in cities, districts and taluk headquarters. This organisation was disbanded in the State on 31st March 1951.

Cost of Police force.

71. The cost of the Police Force under all heads was approximately Rs. 87,79,000 (Rs. 68,17,685).

72. The complete amalgamation of the Police force in the Civil Station with the rest of the State Police was given effect to. An improved uniform was prescribed for the Police in Bangalore Corporation area by substituting trousers for Malabar pattern shorts.

(v) Extradition.

73. Twenty three (23) persons were received from outside the State for trial in the several Criminal Courts in the State during the year. Including 8 persons whose cases were pending trial at the beginning of the year, there were 31 persons awaiting trial during the year. But

of them 17 persons were convicted, 1 acquitted, 4 discharged and trial was pending in respect of the remaining 9 persons.

74. Thirty-eight (38) persons were surrendered from Mysore State to the other States of the Union. Out of these, 22 persons were surrendered to the Madras State, 8 to the Bombay Province, 3 to Coorg, 3 to Hyderabad, 1 to West Bengal and 1 to Madhya Bharat.

(vi) Criminal Justice.

75. Excluding Revenue Officers who were *Ex-officio* Magistrates, the number of Judges and Magistrates exercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 74 (73).

76. The total number of offences reported during the year was 81,325 (55,706). The number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 1,19,470 during the year (excluding 319 persons for trial before the Sessions Courts) against 85,439 in the previous year. Of the persons brought to trial, the cases in respect of 1,01,542 (70,283) were disposed of. The total number of persons convicted was 70,583 and the number acquitted or discharged was 27,221. The number of persons whose cases were left pending at the end of the year was 17,928.

77. The number of persons brought to trial for offences punishable under Special and Local Laws was 82,749 (54,434). The cases against 75,491 persons were disposed of and 64,374 persons were convicted.

78. The Benches of Honorary Magistrates had before them 26,647 cases involving 29,967 persons during the year as against 21,947 cases involving 23,326 persons in the previous year. They disposed of 24,526 cases involving 26,869 persons. Bench Courts.

79. The District Magistrates disposed of 20 cases involving 32 persons. District Magistrates.

80. The average duration of cases in the Courts of Honorary Bench Magistrates, in the Courts of the District Magistrates and in the Sessions Courts was 30·65 (31·6), 39·87 (35·56) and 87·46 (87·79) respectively. In the Courts of Stipendiary Magistrates, the average duration of trials was 48·96 (57·03).